

TMO only provides tickets to authorized destinations

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People who plan to take leave with a TDY can only get tickets to authorized destinations through the traffic management office due to a new enforcement of an old rule.

Unless a leave point qualifies as a free stopover between authorized destinations, members must buy tickets from an authorized point to their leave address and back, according to Christine Martin, passenger section chief.

The reason for this change is to comply with the government contract rules which say contract fares can only be used between official travel points, said Martin. This was because people were traveling to different destinations with different carriers.

"The difference that people will notice is that TMO can no longer provide tickets to a leave point, even if it is a lesser cost," Martin said. "They need to be prepared to buy tickets to their leave point from a stopover or designation point."

People who want to take leave with a TDY do have various options.

One good option for many involves free stopovers, said Derek Bourke, SatoTravel

branch manager. When the contractor has an authorized free stopover at certain points in the route, people can stop off at no extra cost to the government. They can buy a ticket at that point or take their leave there.

People can also take their government tickets and exchange them for tickets that go where ever they like. There are some restrictions with this option because SatoTravel can't use certain fares, such as military leave fares. They have to use the normal economy fare, which is usually much higher.

"So far, there have been no major problems," Bourke said. "Normally we work with the customer to do what they would like at the least cost."

The cheapest solution is different for each person. It's totally dependent on where the person wants to go and who the contract carrier is.

"Some people are luckier than others," Bourke said. "They need to ask questions. Never think you know the answer. Go through the steps."

To get the best deal, people should speak to TMO first about the different options, he said. Then, go to SatoTravel to work through the different alternatives.

For more information, call TMO at Ext. 1854 or SatoTravel at Ext. 2568.

Bond campaign began Monday

The 48th Fighter Wing began the 1997 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign Monday.

The Air Force goal this year is to increase the number of new bond buyers by 5 percent, have 10 percent of all current bond buyers increase their allotments, and 100 percent contact to provide everyone the opportunity to purchase bonds.

The current interest rate for U.S. Savings Bonds is 5.68 percent. Bonds earn market-based interest that accrues monthly from the issue date. Bonds earn interest for up to 30 years and are guaranteed safe by the U.S. government.

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People in organizations not listed here should call their orderly room for help with Saving Bonds.



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Be safe, bubba

The safety bubbas (left to right) SrA. Marcus Landrum, SrA. Lance Martin, SrA. Boyd Walker and SrA. Eric Schoenleber, 48th Communications Squadron, entertain a safety day crowd May 16 in Hangar 6. Military members participated in safety day with booths, briefings and demonstrations. The information was to in-

crease personnel awareness of higher mishap rates during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Five bicycle helmets and a Shimano bike were donated by the Pedalers Bike Shop for prizes. Capt. Shelia Lewis, 48th Medical Group, won the bike.